

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES (CDSS) AND TRIBAL
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF)
ADMINISTRATORS' MEETING
SUMMARY
May 9, 2017
744 P Street, OB9-Room 1804
Sacramento, CA
9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

This document summarizes the key issues discussed at the meeting between Tribal TANF Administrators and leaders and CDSS representatives on May 9, 2017.

A summary of the prior Tribal TANF Administrators' meeting on February 22, 2017, was reviewed and approved without edits.

CalFresh Updates

Presenter: Kim McCoy Wade, CalFresh Branch Chief. Feedback on the impact of CalFresh in tribal communities was requested. Kim quickly touched on four types of food assistance programs available:

1. Commodity: California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP), Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
2. Nutrition: healthy food access. Teleconference on June 28, 2017. Michael Ladd is the liaison for Tribal TANF.
3. Employment Opportunities: Community college, job training with people receiving CalFresh. Explain how the support work.
4. Disaster Preparedness: CalFresh resources and emergency.

More detailed training on these topics can be provided at future meetings upon request.

General Updates

Welfare-to-Work (WTW) Division Deputy Director, Todd Bland, provided updates regarding the State Budget and Tribal TANF program. Governor's Budget, May Revise will be coming out Friday, May 12, 2017. Federal budget was approved through September 30, 2017.

Internal reorganization of the Division was presented to the Tribal TANF Administrators (TTAs). Effective July 1, 2017, the WTW Division name will be changing to Family Engagement and Empowerment Division. The following branches will then be formed.

1. Immigration and Refugee
2. CalWORKS and Childcare (Indian Health Clinics will be under the Tribal TANF unit)
3. CalFresh and Nutrition
4. Program Integrity and Automation
5. Housing, Homeless and Civil Rights

Staffing Updates

Ryan Tsukiji, Tribal TANF Manager, introduced two new Tribal TANF Analysts: Linda Truong, coming from Sacramento County and Bill Coleman from Indian Health Clinics (IHC).

Kim Johnson, as new Branch Chief to the CalWORKS and Child Care Branch, was introduced and gave a short dialogue regarding her background.

Tribal TANF Program

Ryan reminded TTAs that the 50% unemployment survey is due May 15, 2017.

Clarification on how months are counted in regards to Time on Aid (TOA) was requested. Elaine proposed that we provide clarification regarding the CalWORKs 48-Month clock, TANF 60-Month clock, and WTW 24-Month time click.

CDSS is working to find a contact at the Social Security Administration who can meet with TTAs to discuss the necessary steps Tribal TANF programs will need to take to become recognized as government entities.

Consultation Guidelines

Ryan asked TTAs if there were any recommendations for proposed changes to the current Tribal TANF Consultation Guidelines. TTAs requested additional time to go over the current guidelines and revisit at the next meeting. Ryan recommended that comments be submitted prior to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for review.

CalWORKs Program Updates

CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau Chief, Elaine Ward, provided information related to Inter-County Transfer (ICT). Currently, it is the responsibility of the first county to initiate the transfer. There is a 30-day transfer period. Documents must be provided to second county within 7 days. As of June 2017, the ICT will be initiated by the county that is notified of the move, first county or second county.

There was a three to seven percent decline in the CalWORKs caseload.

CDSS Tribal Affairs Team

Presenter: Barbie Buchanan, Child Safety Unit Manager, Child Welfare Policy & Program Development Bureau. The Office of Tribal Affairs is currently conducting interviews for Tribal Coordinator. This position will be located in Sacramento, CA, and to report to the Executive team.

Other Updates

Bill Coleman gave a short dialogue regarding his background on IHC. Bill stated that Behavioral Health Services which includes mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence are available to American Indians/Alaskan Natives (AI/AN) participating in CalWORKS or Tribal TANF. There are currently 36 clinics that are under contract. Current Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) expire June 30, 2017, and will be moving to a five-year cycle upon renewal. The IHC webpage has been relocated to the Tribal TANF section.

NEXT TRIBAL TANF ADMINISTRATORS MEETING

Tuesday, August 29, 2017, 9:00 am – 12 pm (Building 8, Room 235/237)

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 9:00 am – 12 pm (Building 9, Room 1804)

CDSS ACTION ITEMS

- Provide definition of reasonably anticipated income
- 1-2 pager on SAR reporting
- Clarification regarding the CalWORKs 48-Month clock, TANF 60-Month clock, and WTW 24-Month time clock (fact sheet)